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## **The 142<sup>nd</sup> Cleveland Police Academy Graduates 47 Officers and One Fire Investigator**

*New officers will be assigned to neighborhood districts on basic patrol*

CLEVELAND - Mayor Frank G. Jackson today administered the oath of office to the 142nd Cleveland Police Academy class. The 47 patrol officers – who were sworn in at a ceremony at Cleveland City Hall – will be assigned to the neighborhood districts on basic patrol.

“Congratulations on your graduation from the Academy,” said Mayor Frank G. Jackson. “Public service is an honorable profession and it is the greatest opportunity to impact the lives of individuals, families and communities.”

Also on hand to congratulate the cadets were Safety Director Michael McGrath, Police Chief Calvin D. Williams and Council Safety Chair Matt Zone.

The recruits were selected following a Civil Service exam administered for the patrol officer position. Candidates underwent several tests and a comprehensive background check before being offered conditional employment. They were given more than 1,100 hours of instruction in police tactics, criminal law, community diversity and crisis intervention training. As recruits, they received training specifically to prepare them to respond to the needs of the community.

“These men and women have worked very hard to get to this day, and I want to welcome them to the Division of Police,” said Chief Williams. I’d also like to remind the public that we are actively recruiting and actively hiring more officers.”

### **142<sup>nd</sup> Police Academy Class at a Glance:**

<b>Number of Officers</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>Gender</b>
<b>24</b>	White	Males
<b>13</b>	Black	Males
<b>3</b>	Black	Females
<b>2</b>	White	Females
<b>3</b>	Hispanic	Males
<b>1</b>	Hispanic	Female
<b>1</b>	Arab	Male

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Thanks to the passage of Issue 32, the Division of Police was able to hire more than 200 police officers in 2018 and anticipates hiring an additional 100 officers by the end of the first quarter of 2019. The new officers will expand the ranks from just under 1,500 sworn members to more than 1,600 serving neighborhoods across Cleveland.

Those who wish to apply may do so by completing an application at the following link: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/cleveland>. Photos of the graduation can be accessed [here](#).

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